# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:522
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SEPARATE STATUTORY DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR KONKAN
Patil Shri Pratik Prakashbapu;Rawale Shri Mohan

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has carried out any evaluation of the existing three development boards in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, details thereof and outcome of such evaluation;

(c) whether the Government is also considering to change the names of the said development boards;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the proposal for separate statutory development board for Konkan region of Maharashtra is being considered; and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons thereof and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): The Programme Evaluation Organisation Division of the Planning Commission undertook a detailed study and submitted its final report on 3.9.2003.The Report observed that the three existing Development Boards have been discharging their assigned functions and responsibilities reasonably well and has brought about important changes for balanced regional development.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) & (f): Government had received a Resolution passed on 20th February, 2005 by both the Houses of Maharashtra State Legislature recommending the establishment of a separate Development Board for Konkan region of the State. The Planning Commission, who were consulted in the matter in February 2006, are of the view (May 2006) that backwardness by itself is not a reason for constitutional amendment for establishing a separate Development Board for Konkan region as there are other instruments available to the Centre and State Governments to gear up their developmental machinery.The matter was referred back to Planning Commission in 2007 for re-examination in view of the persisting demand of Government of Maharashtra. However, they reiterated their earlier view.No definite time-frame can be specified in this regard.